THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): Details of profits/losses (in bracket) earned/suffered by Air India and Indian Airlines are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Air India | Indian Airlines |
|---|---|---|
| 1999-2000 | (37.63) | 51.42 |
| 2000-2001 | (44.40) | (159.17) |
| 2001-2002 | 15.44 | (246.75) |

**Amendments in AAI Act, 1994**

632. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 vis-a-vis the Bangalore International Airport Project; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) A comprehensive Bill incorporating necessary amendments to Airports Authority of India Act 1994 has been prepared and is being processed for obtaining necessary approval for introduction in the Parliament.

**Allowing domestic/private airlines to fly to foreign destinations**

633. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted some domestic/private airlines to fly of foreign destinations also;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(c) the benefits to accrue to the Government on allowing domestic/ private airlines to fly foreign destinations;

(d) whether such a decision will have an adverse impact on Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to check such impact?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Change in Names of airports**

634. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether names of some airports have been changed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any expense was incurred by the Airports Authority of India in issuing advertisement in relation to change of name of airports; and

(d) if so, the details of amount spent, airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Renamed airports are Ahmedabad as Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport, Bhopal as Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhubaneswar as Biju Patnaik Airport, Delhi as Indira Gandhi International Airport, Guwahati as Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Gwalior as Vijaya Raje Scindia Airport, Indore as Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport, Kolkata as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Mumbai as Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Patna as Jai Prakash Narayan International Airport, Port Blair as Veer Savarkar Airport, Ranchi as Birsa Munda Airport, Udaipur as Maharana Pratap Airport, International Terminal as Anna International and Domestic Terminal as Kamraj Terminal at Chennai and International Terminal as Rajiv Gandhi International and Domestic Terminal as N.T. Rama Rao Terminal at Hyderabad.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 32.15 lakhs, Rs.10.15 lakhs, Rs. 6.37 lakhs and Rs. 55.91 lakhs were spent on publicity of renaming of Bhopal, Guwahati, Indore and Port Blair Airports respectively.